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Local

Saipan-Hong Kong flights kick off today

Continental Micronesia will begin new, nonstop flights between Saipan and Hong Kong today.

Continental flight 909, which currently operates nonstop between Guam and Hong Kong, will operate from Guam to Hong Kong with a stop in Saipan beginning Nov. 1. On the return, Continental flight 910 will operate nonstop from Hong Kong to Saipan and continue on to Guam.

The Saipan-Hong Kong flights will operate on Mondays and Fridays. The flights will be serviced by next-generation Boeing 737-800s, which can seat 189 passengers.

Flight time between Saipan and Hong Kong is approximately four hours and 45 minutes.

Continental flight 909 will leave Guam at 4:50pm, with estimated arrival time on Saipan at 5:35pm. From Saipan, CO909 will leave at 6:20pm, to arrive in Hong Kong at 9:15pm.

Continental flight 910 will leave Hong Kong at 10:05pm, to arrive on Saipan at 4:45am. The service will then take off from Saipan at 5:30am and land on Guam at 6:10am.

The Saipan-Hong Kong service is among a number of service offerings to the CNMI that Continental is planning for this year.

Starting this week, the airline will also increase to thrice weekly its nonstop service between Saipan and Manila.

The direct service to and from Manila was introduced in December last year. Currently, flights are operated every Tuesday and Friday, with 8:45pm departures from Saipan and 10pm takeoffs in Manila.

In addition, nonstop flights between Saipan and Taipei are scheduled to begin Nov. 3.

New Continental Connection commuter service, operated by Cape Air, between Guam and the CNMI began this summer.

(Agnes E. Donato)

Costume contests delight night clubs

GIG discotheque and Saipan Grand Hotel's Madonna disco attracted a variety of impersonators in contests for the best Halloween costume yesterday night.

Madonna filled the stage with seven participants competing for the sexiest, scariest, and most original costume.

The participants stood center stage, while the crowd cheered on their favorite costumed participant. Judges were on hand to make the final decision for the winners in the three categories.

"Storm" of X-Men fame was recognized as the sexiest costume, while "Catwoman" took the most original costume. On the other hand, "Titanic priest" Roderick Hernandez received the scariest costume award.

Winners were given cash prizes, Miller Lite merchandise, T-shirts, and IT & E phone cards among others.

Sponsors for the bash included Power 99 FM, Pacific Distributors Inc., and IT & E among others.

In a similar event, Microl Distributors hosted a Halloween bash that took place at GIG Discotheque. A variety of impersonators rushed into the club to take part in the contest which awarded \$500 to the winner.

Taking home first place was crowd favorite Jojo Juson, who came dressed as a Las Vegas showgirl.

(Cassie DLG Fejeran)



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Saipan Grand Hotel's Madonna hosted a Halloween costume party that delighted the crowd last Friday. Photo shows emcee Dice interviewing one of the winners, "Catwoman."

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Island Snapshots

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‘Personal, private, political solicitations not allowed’

By **LIBERTY DONES**
REPORTER

Forget about asking your legislators or public officials to use their (public) funds for your personal items, travel expenditures, utilities payment, private fundraising and expenses associated with political campaigns, as these would not be granted.

House Speaker Benigno R. Fitial issued a memorandum last week informing all House members “to strictly adhere to the Public Purpose tests and follow the same set of legal guidelines when entertaining requests for public funds, so that we enjoy consistency and avoid discrepancies.”

Public purpose, as contained in Public Law 12-2 refers to specific appropriation or expenditure that is considered “a culturally and traditionally significant part of the community.”

Fitial issued the order after finally receiving—“after months of delay”—a set of the guidelines from the Department of Finance. The guidelines, sent by Finance Secretary Fermin Atalig on Oct. 6, 2004, said that while it is difficult to determine what constitutes a culturally or traditionally significant part of the community and what constitutes a legitimate community interest, guidelines can be issued to see whether a request meets the public purpose test.

He said a public purpose requires that it “confers a direct benefit to a culturally or traditionally significant part of the community and that the community has an interest in having the individual or individuals benefited.”

The regulation, he said, contains samples showing “personal and political expenditures are not allowable.”

These include solicitations for food or clothing, personal membership fees, and contributions in cash or donation

of any tangible or intangible item or product to any person; travel expenditures for persons for medical treatment such as airline tickets, hotel accommodations, meals, gifts, and related expenses; travel expenditures for people who are not government employees; expenses for private individual’s utility: water, electricity, gas, telephone, and similar payments; sponsorship of CNMI sports teams, fundraising activities for private individuals, and any expenditure associated with political campaign functions.

At the same time, Atalig said that the following expenditures are considered public purpose: school-related activities such as donations for students joining Close Up or Junior Statesman programs; funeral donations in kind such as food, water, and tents; business lunches/entertainment which would fall under official representation; sports teams donations given to the overall association and not a particular sports team; community and cultural events donations like food, water, and tents; and promotions for special events such as New Year’s Day, Christmas, Veterans Day, etc. and congratulatory messages for honored citizens.

As to the school-related activities, Atalig said that a request for solicitation should come from the association president or school principal.

He said that any donation should be made to the association or school, not to one individual.

“In the past, we have denied requests for class trips and class reunions,” he said.

For business lunches/entertainment, the expense should be completely documented with the name and position of persons entertained, nature and purpose and its direct relationship to CNMI government business, description of matters dis-



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cussed, and original receipts.

“Based on the regulations, these expenditures are authorized for entertainment of off-island government guests, or to promote goodwill or public interest,” said Atalig.

Atalig said that both the House leadership and the Office of the Public Auditor brought up the issue on constraints imposed by the law. .

He said the regulation makes use of “foremost test” which requires that any expenditure should show direct or indirect benefits to the community.

In his letter, Atalig said that

tradition and custom as well as particular facts and circumstances of each case should be taken into consideration when determining whether a public purpose is served.

The House of Representatives leadership earlier asked OPA to give lawmakers a clear-

cut policy on how to implement solicitation procedures.

Lawmakers usually receive solicitations from people for different projects or activities some of which could not be considered culturally significant “but help promote the Northern Marianas.”

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Foul weather expected to continue

By **AGNES E. DONATO**
REPORTER

CNMI residents can expect the wet weather to continue for a few more days, as tropical depression 28W has intensified into a tropical storm.

Weather officials announced yesterday that tropical storm Nock-Ten continues to slowly intensify and is still moving west.

At 4pm yesterday, the National Weather Service tracked the center of the storm near latitude 10.6 degrees north and longitude 153.8 degrees east. This is about 625 miles east-southeast of Saipan and 640 miles east-southeast of Guam.

No watches or warnings were in effect in the Marianas.

With a wind speed at 65 miles per hour, tropical storm Nock-Ten was moving west at about 7 mph. This general motion was expected to continue over the next 24 hours.

The storm has sped up slightly and has come closer to the Marianas region, as compared with its general motion earlier yesterday afternoon.

At 2pm yesterday, the storm was moving westward at 6 mph. The NWS in Guam located the eye of the storm near latitude 10.5 degrees north and longitude 154.2 degrees east. This is about 655 miles southeast of Saipan and 670 miles east-southeast of Guam.


Typically, the slower the storm moves, the more power it can possibly gain.




WEATHER FORECAST

PICTURE TIME: 1:00 AM., MARCH 9, 2004
Western North Pacific between Equator and 25N from 130E to 180.


Fresh to strong trade winds across much of Micronesia converging into lighter winds near the Equator are producing scattered showers between the Equator and 8n from 130e to 153 and between the Equator and 6n from 160e to 180. A cold front stretches from 25n161e to 20n146e and continues as a shear line to 19n130e. Low- and mid-level clouds...light rain and showers associated this feature extend up to 200 miles north of the boundary. Trade wind convergence south of the cold front/shear line is producing low clouds and showers between 12n and 18n from 132e to 150e. This area includes the Mariana Islands.




SAIPAN AND TINIAN
Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
Winds: East at 15-20 mph. Highs near 87. Lows near 76.




GUAM AND ROTA
Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
Winds: East at 15-20 mph. Highs near 87. Lows near 76.




PALAU
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
Winds: Northeast at 15 kt.




POHNPEI
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
Winds: Northeast at 15 kt.



YAP AND ULITHI
Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
Winds: Northeast at 15-20 kt.






















KOSRAE
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
Winds: East at 10-15 kt.



CHUUK
Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
Winds: Northeast at 15-20 kt.



MAJURO
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers.
Winds: East at 15-20 kt.

CITY	FORECAST	HIGH	LOW
 Auckland	Sunny	71F (22C)	60F (16C)
 Beijing	Sunny	65F (18C)	48F (9C)
 Hong Kong	Sunny	74F (23C)	61F (16C)
 Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	82F (28C)	68F (20C)
 London, England	Sunny	45F (7C)	30F (-1C)
 Los Angeles	Sunny	79F (26C)	59F (15C)
 Manila	Partly Cloudy	88F (31C)	73F (23C)
 Melbourne	Sunny	75F (24C)	59F (15C)
 Miami	Partly Cloudy	72F (22C)	54F (12C)
 New York City	Cloudy	40F (4C)	34F (1C)
 Osaka	Partly Cloudy	37F (3C)	25F (-4C)
 Paris	Partly Cloudy	38F (3C)	25F (-4C)
 Pusan	Partly Cloudy	53F (12C)	39F (4C)
 Rome	Cloudy	49F (9C)	30F (-1C)
 Salem, Oregon	Partly Cloudy	60F (16C)	40F (4C)
 San Francisco	Sunny	68F (20C)	52F (11C)
 Seoul	Partly Cloudy	47F (8C)	35F (2C)
 Tokyo, Japan	Partly Cloudy	42F (6C)	36F (2C)
 Washington, DC	Cloudy	45F (7C)	34F (1C)



MAN'AMKO ACTIVITIES

Monday, 10/18/04		10:30am	English Class by Kelly Tenorio
9am	Aerobic exercise by Kelly Tenorio	1pm	Computer Class by Jean Arthur
10am	Computer Class by Jean Arthur		Music Class
	Bingo		
	Arts & Crafts by Kelly Tenorio	Wednesday, 10/20/04	
1pm	Computer Class by Jean Arthur	9am	Aerobic exercise by Kelly Tenorio
	Massage Session	10am	Computer Class by Jean Arthur
			Bingo
			Arts & Crafts by Kelly Tenorio
Tuesday, 10/19/04		1pm	Bowling
9am	Aerobic exercise by Kelly Tenorio		
10am	Computer Class by Jean Arthur		
	Bingo		

* *Subject to change*

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Island Snapshots



THIS IS HOW YOU DO IT

Dancers entertain the crowd with a number during Saturday's Japanese Autumn Festival at the Sugar King Park.

SHAN SEMAN

WATCH THIS

All eyes were on these Japanese dancers from Hokkaido, who graced Saturday's Japanese Autumn Festival with several dance numbers.

SHAN SEMAN



WE GOT FOOD

Country House staff pose for a photo while serving lunch at the Japanese Autumn Festival Saturday afternoon.

SHAN SEMAN

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY

Happy belated 21st birthday Cassie from your Saipan Tribune family.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



LOOK WHAT I'VE GOT

A volunteer shows off the number of fallen tree he had to clear in Saturday's cleanup of Wing Beach.

MARK RABAGO



MARK RABAGO

LET'S GO

Kathy Yuknavage of the Coastal Resource Management spearheaded the effort of cleaning up Wing Beach last Saturday. The effort served as a kick off for the 2nd Annual Arbor Month celebrations.



SHAN SEMAN

WALK FOR A CAUSE

Saipan Mayor Juan B. Tudela leads participants in Saturday morning's Make-A-Difference Walk-a-thon along the Beach Road Pathway. Proceeds of the event went towards purchasing a computer for the Mayor of Saipan Youth Center.

GARDENIA

Business

Election likely won't affect portfolios

By MEG RICHARDS
AP BUSINESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP)—With the race for the White House in a dead heat, many on Wall Street are handicapping the outcome in the hopes of reaping big profits if they correctly guess the winner. But while it's fine for professional investors to bet on how various sectors will perform if Sen. John Kerry defeats President Bush or vice versa, financial planners warn this is a dangerous game for the rest of us to play.

The best news for all investors, analysts say, is that regardless of the outcome, or how long it takes to determine it, there's likely to be gridlock in Washington - a good thing for the market, historically. The Republican majority in the House of Representatives is secure, but the Senate is likely to remain narrowly divided, which means neither candidate would have the 60 votes necessary for a true mandate. "Given the closely divided Senate, there's unlikely to be sweeping legislative changes. In

this race, it really comes down to regulation," said Jeff Kleintop, chief investment strategist for PNC Financial Services Group in Philadelphia. "The president, while unable to pass new laws, will be able to appoint new heads of the key regulatory agencies." If Kerry claims victory, he'll usher in new chiefs at the Food and Drug Administration, the Federal Trade Commission, the Federal Communications Commission and the Environmental Protection Agency, among others. Changes in policies at those

agencies could have a significant impact on the bottom lines of the companies they regulate. As a result, institutional investors such as hedge funds are looking for sector plays. The Kerry campaign has indicated it would move swiftly to allow the reimportation of drugs from abroad, which could hurt the pharmaceutical industry. Kerry has suggested he'd look for ways to lower the nation's dependence on fossil fuels, which could benefit alternative energy companies. There could be a negative financial impact for other companies

regulated by the EPA, such as coal and coal-fired utilities, if Kerry wins and tightens emissions standards. Antitrust policy could become more vigorous under Kerry, which might curb the trend of media consolidation. A second Bush term would likely be good news for defense contractors, which might suffer setbacks under Kerry; he has indicated a preference for diplomatic solutions and sharing the military burden in Iraq with allies. There's also a widely held belief that another four years

under Bush would benefit the financial services sector, because of the president's efforts to privatize government programs like Social Security—though few analysts believe Congress would approve such a change. But with multiple pressures looming over stocks, including geopolitical instability, hefty oil prices and rising interest rates, the market has had a hard time finding a direction lately, making it difficult even for professional managers to beat their benchmarks.

Top officer objected to Halliburton deal

By LARRY MARGASAK
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Army extended a Halliburton Co. troop support contract over the objections of a top contracting officer, even contending - and then withdrawing - a claim that U.S. forces faced an emergency if the company didn't get the extra work.

"I wrote directly on the document the weaknesses ... so that all could clearly see," contracting official Bunnatine Greenhouse wrote a top general this month in questioning the extended troop support contract in the Balkans.

Greenhouse has had problems with the \$2 billion contract at least since January 2002, when she wrote, "There is little or no incentive for the contractor to reduce or keep cost down."

The contracting officer has gone public with allegations of favoritism toward the company once headed by Vice President Dick Cheney. On Saturday, Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry kept up his assault on Halliburton.

Promising to make a "fresh start" in Iraq, where Halliburton also does major contract work, Kerry said: "We'll get the money to the Iraqis, not to Halliburton."

Greenhouse complained, in writing, Oct. 5 to Lt. Gen. Carl Strock, commander of the Army Corps of Engineers, that the Corps should not have halted plans to let companies compete for a successor Balkans contract. She is the Corps' top contracting officer.

Corps officials initially justified stopping the bidding by concluding that a "compelling emergency" would exist if Halliburton's work were to be interrupted.

When Greenhouse challenged the justification and sought an explanation of the emergency, however, Corps officials changed their reasoning.



AP
Bunnatine Greenhouse, chief contracting officer of the Army Corps of Engineers, is seen in her official undated government photo.

The new explanation was that Halliburton subsidiary KBR was the "one and only" company that could do the job.

Greenhouse wrote Strock that "the truth should be clearly explained" about the reason for halting competition.

She not only complained there was no explanation of what drove officials to cite an emergency, but, referring to the second justification, added: "It is not reasonable to believe that only one source responded to the solicitation."

Greenhouse, who has said she was frozen out of decisions on Halliburton, went public last weekend with allegations that Army officials showed favoritism to the company.

The FBI has asked Greenhouse's lawyers for an interview with her. The bureau has launched a criminal investigation of Halliburton's no-bid work.

The Associated Press has obtained dozens of documents that Greenhouse intends to provide to investigators.

The Balkans contract was to have ended May 27 but has been extended through next April.

The extension was so politically sensitive that a Corps official, William Ryals, sent a memo to Corps headquarters in July seeking high-level approval.

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EDITORIAL

Arafat's illness opens a door

Some prognosticators—by no means all—warn darkly that Yasser Arafat's serious illness and departure from the West Bank may trigger a chaotic power struggle. But it is equally an opportunity for a thaw in the frozen Middle East peace process.

Arafat is 75 and suffering from an unknown ailment that prompted the Israelis Thursday to let him go abroad for treatment. To Palestinians he remains the symbol of their struggle for a nation; to many others he is the man who was unwilling to accept a good offer from Israel four years ago to construct a separate nation, preferring to portray himself as the fighter, not the achiever.

If Arafat dies or remains too ill to govern, it's unclear who would succeed him as head of the Palestinian Authority—the government of the Palestinians—or of the Fatah movement or the larger umbrella group of which it is a part, the Palestine Liberation Organization. It is doubtful any one person would hold all three posts.

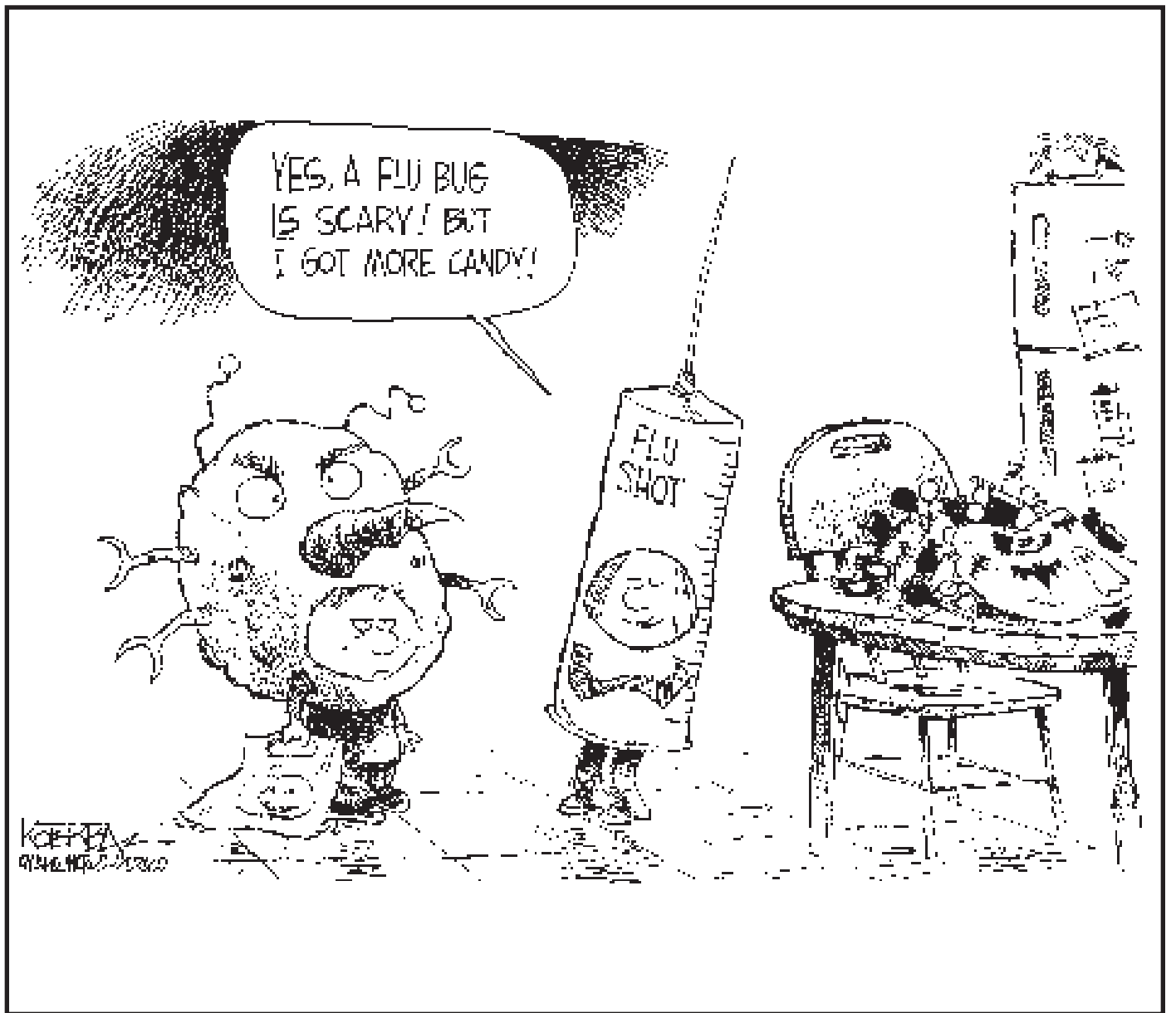
It is a decisive moment. If Palestinians are able to agree on a new leader or leaders, Israel should be prepared to negotiate with whoever emerges. The new leader or leaders would have to hew to the framework of earlier peace talks, accepting Israel's existence, condemning terrorism and working to stop attacks on the Jewish state. The United States should reactivate its involvement in Palestinian-Israeli dialogue.

Though Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's government and the U.S. have refused to negotiate with Arafat, Israel has worked with each of the three men picked to wield interim power over the Palestinian Authority in Arafat's absence. Arafat's departure should spur Israel to return to the diplomatic "road map" drawn up by the U.S., the European Union, Russia and the United Nations.

If Arafat is replaced with a transitional interim government, Israel can offer support by negotiating with it and letting more Palestinians into Israel to work, helping to relieve the poverty that has increased greatly since the renewal of fighting four years ago. Elections for a new Palestinian Authority president also would test the popularity of candidates and their ability to form political coalitions or parties.

Arafat's refusal to step aside or anoint a successor delayed the creation of an independent Palestine. The most honorable action he could take now, if he is able, would be to accede to the interim government. The reformers and moderates who have long complained about the worsening situation since the renewal of the war on Israel should grasp their chance to do what he would not, and build a nation.

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Rhetoric aside, the differences aren't all that striking

By **MAX BOOT**
SPECIAL TO THE LOS ANGELES TIMES

If Bush and Kerry partisans can agree on anything, it's that the stakes on Election Day couldn't be higher. "The most important election of our lifetime," both parties intone. Like most pieces of conventional wisdom, this oft-repeated shibboleth leaves plenty of room for doubt.

One of the hidden strengths of the American electoral system is that it rarely presents voters with a very stark choice. Both parties hew closely to the center, and, notwithstanding pre-election bloviation, there is always a great deal of continuity between administrations. The falsity of most campaign rhetoric becomes obvious if you consider two of the most acrimonious elections of the 20th century.

In 1964, Lyndon Johnson painted Barry Goldwater as a nutty warmonger. In 1972, Richard Nixon painted George McGovern as a soft-on-communism peacenik. Yet what happened after the vote? Johnson became ever more embroiled in bombing Vietnam back to the Stone Age, while Nixon exited the war by cutting a deal with the communist regime in Hanoi. It's hard to know, in retrospect, what all the fuss was about.

The choice this time is even less clear-cut. Both President Bush and Sen. John F. Kerry claim to be fiscal conservatives, yet each proposes a plethora of new programs. Bush is more likely than Kerry to press for partial privatization of Social Security, while Kerry is more likely to press for partial federalization of health care. Odds are that neither man will get all he wants out of a Congress that will remain deeply divided.

There's even less chance either candidate would make a major difference on social issues such as abortion and gay marriage. Significant change will require a constitutional amendment or a radical recasting of the Supreme Court, neither of which would be easy to accomplish, no matter who occupies the Oval Office.

What about national security? If you listen to Bush, Kerry's election would result in nuclear annihilation. If you listen to Kerry, Bush's election would result in another draft. The reality is that, no matter who's elected, a nuclear attack could happen and a draft won't happen.

The two candidates are actually offering many similar policies. In Iraq, both promise to train local security forces, retain U.S. troops and hold elections. On North Korea, both promise negotiations—Kerry unilaterally, Bush multilaterally. On Iran, Kerry vows to cut a deal, while Bush says he won't, yet he gives the green light to the Europeans to deal on America's behalf. On the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, both say they strongly back Israel while opposing Yasser Arafat. On military action, both say they would use force pre-emptively and not give the United Nations a veto on U.S. interventions.

This is not to suggest that they're Tweedledum and Tweedledee. Kerry is more multilateralist than Bush and less likely to use force. Yet both would face pressures that would push them toward the center.

I was reminded of just how alike the candidates' foreign policies could be when Kerry adviser Richard Holbrooke called to complain about a column in which I criticized his statement that the "war on terror" was "just a metaphor." That quote came from The New York Times Magazine, but Holbrooke tells me it was taken out of context—his point, he says, was that we should fight individual terrorists, not an abstraction like "terror." Fair enough. Holbrooke is a hawk, and I don't doubt that he would prosecute the war on terror (excuse me, terrorists) pretty vigorously. The same is true of Joe Biden, the other front-runner for secretary of State in a Kerry administration.

That hardly allays my concerns about Kerry, who has a long record as a dove and a political opportunist. But I admit he might well prove me wrong.

If he did, he would also prove wrong his more dovish supporters, who think he'll be the second coming of Howard Dean. Likewise, Bush could easily disappoint his more hawkish supporters by backing away from confrontations with North Korea, Syria and Iran—as, in fact, he's done during his first term.

To paraphrase Forrest Gump, the presidency is like a box of chocolates—you never know what you're going to get. The pseudo-certainty of the campaign season will soon disappear.

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EDITORIAL POLICY

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If it's Bush ... he'll make a mandate

By **RAMESH PONNURU**
SPECIAL TO THE WASHINGTON POST

One thing we know about George W. Bush is that he doesn't listen to the timid. If he wins re-election, especially by a narrow margin, there'll be plenty of people counseling timidity. Democratic politicians and pundits will say—again—that he has no mandate, and that Congress has enough on its plate without his proposing a controversial agenda.

But think back four years. In 2001, after a nail-biter election and a Supreme Court intervention, Bush managed to push through his tax cuts and get a generally conservative Cabinet confirmed. He decided to use the Republican Congress to make his own mandate. My bet is he'll do the same thing in 2005.

He'll continue to prosecute the war on terrorism aggressively (though within the constraints created by the bitter aftermath of the Iraq war). There will be some of the normal second-term Cabinet reshuffling. Some legislation will force its way onto his agenda. And he will seize the opportunity to push some new domestic initiatives.

Bush's foreign policy will not, of course, fit the early 2001 template. With the exception of the American surveillance plane brought down over China in April, foreign concerns didn't preoccupy his first 100 days. The situation this time around will be very different. Bush would doubtless take his re-election as a vindication of his general approach: relatively dismissive of recalcitrant allies, prepared to initiate military action, convinced of the importance of spreading liberty in the Middle East. But not even a strong Bush win will eliminate the constraints the Iraq venture has placed on him. The failure to find weapons of mass destruction and the difficulty in creating democracy have made any future interventions overseas a hard sell. The troops are spread too thin for another war, anyway. So the (few) exponents of a larger military campaign in the Middle East, or against North Korea, will be disappointed, and those who fear the same will be relieved.

In dealing with Iran, North Korea and Sudan, Bush can be expected to look for options short of a ground invasion. How free a hand he'll have will depend on events in Iraq, where he may launch a major offensive against the insurgents in Fallujah and elsewhere between our election and the Iraqi elections in January. If it should succeed, and if the elections proceed, confidence in Bush would increase and he'd have more foreign-policy leeway. In Iraq itself, however, success is likely to curtail his freedom of action: The new government there could well put pressure on the United States to depart.

The governments of France, Germany and Spain, as well as much of the European public, will be upset and confused by a Bush win. It is possible, however, that within a few months Europe, with its famed foreign-policy realism, would adjust. Its soft power would have proven unable to prevent the Iraq war or to punish Bush by influencing American voters. The result might be a scaling-down of European demands and a brief opportunity for rapprochement.

What Bush can do on the domestic front will depend on how well he does on Tuesday: his share of the popular and electoral votes, how many Republicans he brings with him to Washington—and especially whether one of them is John Thune. If Thune beats Senate Minority

Leader Tom Daschle in South Dakota, discipline in Democratic ranks could break down, and Bush could get more bills passed and judges confirmed.

Even if Bush proposes no agenda, the congressional calendar will be packed. The USA Patriot Act will have to be renewed. Congress will have to revisit the temporary highways bill it passed this year before it expires in the spring. There will have to be a vote on the Central America Free Trade Agreement. Normal budget battles will intensify as the Hill considers a "supplemental" bill to fund ongoing operations in Iraq. Some congressmen will try to make Iraqis pay for those, but a Bush White House will oppose them. Bush may then have to show greater spending restraint on everything else to appease conservatives.

Congress may also be busy confirming new Cabinet officers. Will the president try to create a more cohesive national security team? It's not clear that any of the current Cabinet—including lightning rods such as John Ashcroft and Donald Rumsfeld—have lost Bush's confidence. Nor is it clear that Colin Powell wants to go. It's hard to imagine any plausible Bush replacements for these men who wouldn't inspire strong Democratic opposition.

Bush will probably add to Congress' workload. The first half of 2005 will present him with the opportunity to pass some big legislation that will give a sense of direction to his second term and cement his legacy. He has three big ideas he could push: an immigration overhaul, tax reform and Social Security reform.

The president believes strongly in his proposal for a temporary-worker program to bring illegal immigration out of the shadows. But the public doesn't support it, and conservative congressmen tend to hate it. It can't be the tone-setter for his second term.

Tax reform, on the other hand, has strong support from Republican and even some Democratic congressmen. But the consensus breaks down as soon as a particular reform is specified. When candidates have embraced plans such as a national sales tax to replace the income tax, it has hurt them in their races. Bush may decide just to try to make his tax cuts permanent, create incentives for saving and call it "reform."

That leaves Social Security. On the stump, Bush talks about letting younger workers invest some of their payroll taxes in personal accounts—and he's getting cheers. House Republicans have been nervous about moving on the issue, but the White House believes the plan is a long-term growth strategy for the GOP: the more people have invested in the markets, the more Republican they'll be. Republican National Committee head Ed Gillespie argues that the only way to overcome Democratic charges that the GOP will slash seniors' benefits is to enact a reform that leaves those benefits alone.

Getting the accounts started will be expensive in the short term, so the president will have to make difficult decisions about how large they should be and how to finance them, and then sell the plan on the Hill. He'll probably need to put someone in charge of the sales job: someone like Herman Cain, the retired Godfather's Pizza executive who has become a conservative politician.

Moving forward on Social Security would be bold, even audacious. My guess is that's exactly what a re-elected Bush would want to be.

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If it's Kerry... he'll need some muscle

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Jan. 20, 2005, he will have shown himself to be, as advertised, a "great closer." Can he prove to be an equally good "opener"?

Drama crackles whenever a president takes power from the man he defeated. Kerry's win would mark only the third time in U.S. history that a new president was elected in wartime. And Presidents Eisenhower and Nixon both followed incumbents who chose not to run again.

By all accounts, Kerry has thought hard about his first weeks in office. Late last year he gave a series of speeches setting out some of the priorities for his first 100 days. Even so, the "First 100 Days" conceit can singe a new president. Franklin D. Roosevelt, who took office with huge majorities in Congress, began with a slew of major reforms. Such legislative success is rare. Rookie errors are far more common.

I lived through the Clinton transition as a policy and communications aide. It was a messy time and, in retrospect, an opportunity lost. For Kerry, a successful launch will require him to temper expectations—from the public, the press and his party—while acting boldly.

In ways, Kerry is not to be envied. He will be served a platter of unpalatable choices. Instantly, Kerry will turn from Iraq critic to Iraq commander in chief, a tricky transition. He will be forced to find \$70 billion to pay for continuing operations in Iraq and Afghanistan and will be confronted with tough choices on the eve of Iraqi elections. (Even before taking office, Kerry may be asked by Bush to bless an assault on insurgents in Fallujah.) Crises over nuclear arms programs in Iran and North Korea could follow.

At home, a Republican opposition will range from grumpy to embittered, certain to resist the tax policies central to the new president's domestic agenda. As Kerry frankly acknowledged in the debates, the alarming budget deficit may compel him to scale back many campaign goals.

Politically, all this bad news isn't all bad. When Ronald Reagan took office, he often recalled the baseball player-manager Frankie Frisch. After a rookie he sent into center field promptly committed two errors, Frisch strode out to play himself and let the next ball get by. He supposedly sputtered, "That kid's got center field so messed up, nobody can play it!" Like Reagan, Kerry can remind citizens of the conditions he inherited. Though at some point Kerry will own the problems, this strategy can work for quite a while.

Bush, if he loses, will have left another unintended legacy: a unified Democratic Party—something about as common as a Red Sox victory parade. In 1993, Democratic lawmakers felt little fealty to Clinton. I recall sitting in the Cabinet room in the first private meeting between the new president and House Speaker Tom Foley (a Democrat), who condescendingly told the new chief to slow his political reform agenda. If not, the speaker hinted, something unfortunate might happen to Clinton's tax proposals. By contrast, ever since Kerry won the Iowa caucuses, the Democrats have been acting surprisingly like an actual political party. For a while, it will lend Kerry support among Democrats for change.

What will President Kerry's first 100 days bring?

□ The Bully Pulpit. Kerry will seek a new tone with his inaugural address, delivered on the very steps where he led protests 34 years earlier. Kerry will lack the luxury of delivering what speechwriters call a "tone poem," written for the ages

or to be carved on the wall at the Kerry Library. Instead, he must set a course for policies that can be achieved under adverse circumstances.

□ The Stroke of a Pen. A new president has tools a senator can only dream of, such as executive orders. In a time of divided government, chief executives increasingly make policy this way. Kerry, a fervent reformer in the Senate, has promised to tighten rules on lobbying by former government officials, a change that would have to be in place during the transition so cabinet officers could sign on. Expect action to strengthen port security, boost funds for stem cell research, allow pharmaceuticals to be imported from Canada, and undo some of Bush's most visible environmental rulings (such as the one allowing off-road vehicles in national parks).

These solo moves convey a message as surely as a 30-second campaign ad. Clinton vowed to "focus like a laser beam on the economy," yet his first executive actions dealt with international family planning and abortion rights. Kerry must craft actions that focus, like his campaign, on health care and the economy.

□ Appointments. Kerry may want to elevate Homeland Security to a "top tier" department. But the most dramatic appointment, given the state of Chief Justice William Rehnquist's health, may be to the Supreme Court, possibly in the first weeks of Kerry's term. The new administration will certainly not let the conservative Federalist Society vet its judicial nominations. But any nominee must win approval from a sharply split Senate.

□ Budgets and spending. In his first days, Kerry will try to show that the era of big deficits is over. In February, he will introduce a new budget. Even sooner, he may want to work with Republicans to craft budget rules putting the government back on a "pay as you go" basis. Clinton's stand-alone health care reform flopped; Kerry should fold his into an overall budget framework.

□ National security. Foreign policy is, as George W. Bush would say, "hard work." Kerry has promised to seek allies' help in Iraq; getting their help is another matter. The new president should be just as nervous putting his political fate in the hands of French President Jacques Chirac as in the hands of GOP House leader Tom DeLay. In 1952, Dwight Eisenhower pledged, "I will go to Korea." During the transition, he went—essentially a khaki photo op. But he cut a deal and ended the war in six months. Kerry, whose Iraq policy might not differ radically from Bush's at this stage, must find a way to display a new approach and honesty.

□ A real uniter. Kerry needs to find Republicans with whom he can work, and fast. He could probably win bipartisan support for more funds for homeland security. And he could appoint a Republican to a senior cabinet post higher than, say, transportation secretary. After the 1995 government shutdown, the Clinton impeachment and Bush's strategy of playing to his base, maybe—just maybe—legislative gladiators are exhausted.

None of this adds up to a Rooseveltian 100 days. But Kerry has a real chance to put his stamp on the presidency and give the country the "fresh start" promised by his campaign posters. Memorable presidents are those who boldly break with their predecessors. And as the adage goes, for presidents as for prom dates, "You have only one chance to make a first impression."

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Young Medisa Lisa Messo Onni, at age 10 a year ago, wrote about her Chamorro grandmother's recollection of the concluding hostilities of World

War II when it forced itself into her family home. With a brief write-up and a couple of illustrations, Medisa conveyed her grandmother's memories and sentiments. Hers is one of 74 accounts recalling the battles for Saipan and Tinian written by public and private school grade K-12 students, as

told by "our elders," in a commemorative book titled "We Drank Our Tears," for this year's 60th year anniversary of the military invasion of the islands. The handsome and brightly illustrated hardbound edition, whose publication was supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities, would

make for an excellent holiday gift this year. It is destined to grace many a coffee table display of homes here on the Mariana Islands and of dwellings of CNMI-originating families abroad. The historical and contemporary pictures in the book will surely bring a lot of tears to many, both of sad-

ness and joy. The prose may trigger memories long buried in the debris of forgotten times, but the poignant illustrations drawn by the innocent eyes of the young reveal an overarching rainbow perspective that has since embraced and assimilated the sufferings and tragedies of those

GIG discotheque and Saipan Grand Hotel's Madonna disco attracted a variety of impersonators in contests for the best Halloween costume yesterday night.

Madonna filled the stage with seven participants competing for the sexiest, scariest, and most original costume.

The participants stood center

stage, while the crowd cheered on their favorite costumed participant. Judges were on hand to make the final decision for the winners in the three categories.

"Storm" of X-Men fame was recognized as the sexiest costume, while "Catwoman" took the most original costume. On the other hand, "Titanic priest"

Roderick Hernandez received the scariest costume award.

Winners were given cash prizes, Miller Lite merchandise, T-shirts, and IT & E phone cards among others.

Sponsors for the bash included Power 99 FM, Pacific Distributors Inc., and IT & E among others.

In a similar event, Microl

Distributors hosted a Halloween bash that took place at GIG Discotheque. A variety of impersonators rushed into the club to take part in the contest which awarded \$500 to the winner.

Taking home first place was crowd favorite "Joanne", who came dressed as a Las Vegas showgirl. *(Cassie DLG Fejeran)*



Asia

Militants threaten to kill UN hostages

By STEPHEN GRAHAM
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KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Taliban-linked militants threatened Saturday to execute three foreign U.N. workers kidnapped in Kabul unless British troops withdraw from Afghanistan and Afghan prisoners are freed from U.S. custody in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Armed men kidnapped the three—Annetta Flanigan of Northern Ireland, Filipino diplomat Angelito Nayan and Shqipe Habibi of Kosovo—in Kabul on Thursday, stirring fears that Afghan militants were copying the bloody tactics of their Iraqi counterparts.

A spokesman for the Taliban splinter group Jaish-al Muslimeen, or Army of Muslims, said video of the hostages, all of whom were working on Afghanistan’s landmark presidential vote, would be sent to an Arab television channel “in two or three days.”

“If these countries don’t agree to our demands, we will do the same thing as the mujahedeen are doing in Iraq,” Ishaq Manzoor told The Associated Press by satellite telephone.

“We may kill them if we could not get a positive response,” he said, adding that he was speaking from near the Afghan-Pakistan border.

In the clearest indication that

the claim of responsibility could be genuine, a Western official in Kabul said British officials and relatives had identified one of several 16-digit ID numbers supplied by the group as fitting Flanigan’s credit card.

“It’s definitely hers,” said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Naveed Moez, an Afghan Foreign Ministry spokesman, also said government sources had “confirmed” Jaish-al Muslimeen’s claim of responsibility, but didn’t elaborate.

Other Afghan officials, however, said it was still unclear whether militants, renegade warlords or criminals were responsible.

“We don’t know exactly who they are,” President Hamid Karzai said Saturday after meeting with NATO commanders in Kabul. “Let’s hope the U.N. workers are safe and sound, and we are working very hard to bring them back to their families.”

NATO and U.S. troops and Afghan security forces have mounted extra patrols and roadblocks in and around Kabul since the election workers were forced from their clearly marked U.N. car into a black sports utility vehicle on a busy street.

Prime Minister Tony Blair did not immediately comment on the demand that Britain withdraw its 1,700 troops from the NATO force in Afghanistan. British sol-

diers serve under U.S. commanders hunting Taliban and al-Qaida militants mainly in the south and east of the country.

Police detained seven suspects for questioning Friday, but said they had found no links to the abductions. Three of the suspects picked up in the Kabul area were armed and wore military uniforms—matching witness descriptions of the kidnappers.

Officials say the kidnappers’ vehicle was seen heading toward Paghman, a valley west of Kabul with a reputation for banditry, but one suggested that the victims might still be in Kabul.



French soldiers from International Security Assistance Force patrol in a residential area of Kabul, Afghanistan’s capital, on Saturday, Oct.30. 2004.

Bin Laden tape puts Pakistan in quandary

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP)—The envelope containing terror mastermind Osama bin Laden’s latest message to the world was dropped into a letter box in an upscale neighborhood of the Pakistani capital, the second purported al-Qaida video to come out of this nation in little over a week.

Officials cautioned on Saturday that the tape’s release to the Arabic television channel Al-Jazeera’s Islamabad office does not prove that bin Laden is in Pakistan. But its appearance was nonetheless an embarrassment to a nation that bills itself as a key ally in Washington’s war on terror, and that has spent months focusing its troops on a swath of tribal communities along the Afghan-Pakistan border where the fugitive al-Qaida leader has reputedly been hiding.

Ahmad Muaffaq Zaidan, Al-Jazeera’s bureau chief in Pakistan, said the tape was dropped off at the gate of the station’s office Friday, just hours before it aired.

“The guard brought it to me along with other mail. It was in an envelope, I opened it and it was a big scoop,” Zaidan told The Associated Press. Zaidan

immediately sent the tape to Al-Jazeera’s headquarters in the Gulf nation of Qatar.

Pakistan has sent tens of thousands of troops to the long and porous border with Afghanistan, concentrating on forbidding North and South Waziristan, where bin Laden and his top deputy, Egyptian surgeon Ayman al-Zawahri, are both believed to be hiding.

Scores of soldiers and civilians have been killed, but the operations so far have not netted any major fugitives, leading to charges that the sweeps are conducted as a political show to curry favor with Washington, which has given Islamabad billions of dollars in aid since President Gen. Pervez Musharraf threw his support behind the anti-terror effort.

Bin Laden appeared far healthier in the video released Friday than many would have suspected, considering speculation that he was already ailing in the winter of 2001 when U.S., Afghan and Pakistani forces began their dragnet. U.S. officials have often described him as holed up in a dank and dreary cave, all but cut off from the outside world.

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King Norodom Sihamoni is carried to the throne room at the Royal Palace for his official coronation ceremony in Phnom Penh Friday, Oct. 29, 2004. AP

Cambodia crowns former dancer new king

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)—Standing before golden statues of his ancestors and blessed by monks whose chants filled a hall in the Royal Palace, former ballet dancer Norodom Sihamoni—a man little known in Cambodia—took over the throne Friday from his father and ended the reign of one of Asia’s most colorful rulers.

Sihamoni, who has no political experience, was enthroned in an elaborate ceremony that included the blowing of conch shells and traditional music played with drums and gongs.

Shaded by a large parasol, Sihamoni was brought to the

throne room on a litter led by palace guards and musicians. He repeated his oath to serve the country and its people three times while bowing before the golden-hued throne.

Fifty-two Buddhist monks—one for each year of the new king’s life according to the traditional Cambodian zodiac—chanted blessings for about 40 minutes. By the Western calendar, Sihamoni is 51 years old.

“I am extremely touched to have the opportunity to devote my physical and mental strength and intelligence to serve the nation and the people, and to continue the tradition and glorious

achievements of my father,” King Sihamoni later told a few hundred dignitaries in the throne room.

They included Prime Minister Hun Sen and National Assembly President Prince Norodom Ranariddh, Sihamoni’s half-brother.

Absent from the ceremony was Sihamoni’s father, Norodom Sihanouk, who was put on the throne by Cambodia’s colonial ruler, France, in 1941 and led the country through wars, revolution and the building of a shaky democracy. He was a godlike figure for many Cambodians, and apparently sought not to take any attention away from his son.

Japanese emperor’s comments cause stir

TOKYO (AP)—Japanese officials rushed on Friday to dismiss suggestions that the emperor overstepped his authority and meddled in government affairs by voicing his opposition to Tokyo schools’ policy of compulsory patriotism.

Wading into the controversy over patriotism in schools, Emperor Akihito on Thursday said he hoped nobody was being forced to face the flag and sing the national anthem—both potent symbols of Japan’s brutal

20th century invasion of Asia.

The comments caused a stir in Japan because the post-World War II constitution strictly limits the emperor to acting as a figurehead and bars him from policy-making.

Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi said Friday he thought Akihito wasn’t trying to influence the government.

“It should be natural for him to say that. That’s how I view it,” Koizumi told reporters. “The comment shouldn’t be

viewed as political.”

Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiroyuki Hosoda stressed that the emperor’s remarks were consistent with national government policy.

“We think the emperor made his remark with full understanding of his position as a symbol and this does not violate our constitution which stipulates the emperor has not any power over affairs of the state,” Hosoda said. “We think this explanation poses no particular problem.”



Arroyo orders all-out effort to free kidnapped diplomat

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo has ordered foreign affairs officials to “exert all measures” to win the freedom of a Filipino diplomat kidnapped in Afghanistan, an official said Saturday.

Angelito Nayan, a Philippine foreign service officer working for the United Nations Assistance Mission to Afghanistan, was abducted at gunpoint in Kabul on Thursday along with two fellow U.N. election workers—Shqiye Habibi of Kosovo and Annetta Flanigan from Northern Ireland.

“The president instructed us ... to exert all measures to bring Angelito safely home,” Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo said.

Muslim rebels wants peace with RP govt

COTABATO, Philippines (AP)—Muslim separatist rebels said Saturday they are determined to peacefully resolve their three-decade rebellion in the southern Philippines.

Mohaqher Iqbal, chief peace negotiator for the

Moro Islamic Liberation Front, said rebel leaders assured members of an international cease-fire monitoring group that they will pursue peace talks with the Philippine government “until a just, comprehensive and honorable peace settlement is achieved.”

The pledge was made during a meeting with Malaysian and Bruneian cease-fire monitors inside a guerrilla camp.

“Our leaders assured them the MILF is determined to achieve peace in Mindanao,” rebel spokesman Eid Kabalu told reporters. “The meeting reinforced the foundation of the peace process in the region.”

\$13,500 in counterfeit money seized in southern Philippines

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine police have seized US\$13,500 (euro 10,590) in counterfeit U.S. currency from two men arrested in a southern city, a regional police chief said Saturday.

Regional Police Chief Vidal Querol did not identify the two men, but said they were arrested following a raid on their hideout Friday in Zamboanga city.

Investigators were interrogating the two men and looking into their possible ties to an international counterfeiting syndicate, Querol said, without giving other details.

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Health & Fitness

Bacteria causes US flu vaccine shortage

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AP WRITER

The reddish bacterium to blame for this year's shortage of flu vaccine has a colorful history.

Until the 1960s, *Serratia marcescens* was considered harmless—so safe, in fact, that the military secretly dispersed it across U.S. cities in germ warfare studies. Today, *Serratia* is blamed for urinary tract infections, infected surgical wounds and pneumonia, usually spread among hospital patients.

The germ that tainted the flu vaccine at a British factory is a

common contaminant in labs—and lots of other places. *Serratia* is found in people's intestines, and possibly growing as pinkish scum in the shower, too.

"Most of us carry it every day of our lives," said Martin Blaser, chairman of medicine at the New York University School of Medicine. "A great paradox of life and health is we have all these bad organisms we carry around OK in our intestinal tracts, and if we move them over one inch to our bladder, for example, they make us sick."

Serratia thrives in damp places, from bathroom walls to improp-



erly sanitized medical equipment. It is partial to bread and other starchy foods, where it shows up as blood-colored splotches.

In fact, it is considered a likely scientific explanation for the "miracle of Bolsena" in 1263, when what was believed to be Christ's blood appeared on communion bread at a church in Bolsena, Italy. Raphael later depicted the scene in a fresco in the Vatican.

It was not until 1819 that *Serratia* was discovered and named by an Italian pharmacist, Bartolomeo Bizio. He found it in a dish of polenta, or cormeal mush.

Before the 2004 flu season, *Serratia* was most notorious for its role in germ warfare studies.

During one such test in 1950—"Operation Sea-Spray"—Navy vessels cruised the San Francisco coast, spewing huge amounts of the bacterium into the air over the city. At least one hospital noticed an increase in pneumonia patients.

In the 1970s, when the military disclosed the tests, a San Francisco family sued over a pneumonia death they blamed on *Serratia*. Courts ruled the government was immune from such lawsuits.

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R. Kelly booted from Jay-Z tour

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NEW YORK (AP)—R&B singer R. Kelly was kicked off a tour with rapper Jay-Z Saturday, one day after Kelly walked offstage during a performance and allegedly was blasted with pepper spray by a member of Jay-Z's entourage.

Jeff Sharp, a contractor with tour promoter Atlanta World Wide Touring, confirmed that Kelly had been removed from the tour, but would not comment on the reason.

"The fans deserve better than this," Kelly said in a statement. "I'd like the show to go on. It's really disappointing that Jay-Z and the promoter don't."

Jay-Z and R. Kelly were in the midst of a 40-city "Best of Both Worlds" tour, scheduled to run through Nov. 28. The tour has been beset by canceled shows and reports that the feuding performers weren't even on speaking terms.

Sharp said Jay-Z would perform shows planned for Saturday and Monday at Madison Square Garden, but he did not know if the rapper would finish the tour as a solo act, or if the tour was simply finished.

The pepper-spray incident happened about an hour into Friday night's show, when Kelly



Jay-Z, left and R. Kelly perform during a concert at Nassau Coliseum in Uniondale, N.Y., Thursday, Oct. 28, 2004.

walked on stage and said he saw two people in the audience waving guns, said Kelly's publicist, Allan Mayer. Kelly abruptly

stopped his set around 9:30 p.m. while arena security employees searched for weapons.

Finding none, guards told

Kelly it was safe to continue performing, Mayer said. But as the singer was making his way back to the stage, a man in Jay-Z's entourage—apparently miffed that Kelly interrupted the show—sprayed him and two of his bodyguards in the face, Mayer said.

"I'm pretty sure Jay didn't realize what was going on," Mayer said.

All three men were treated at St. Vincent's Hospital and released, he said. Jay-Z performed for another 45 minutes after Kelly was sprayed.

Jana Fleishman, publicist for Jay-Z, said Saturday that the rapper's entourage knew nothing about the incident because it occurred while Jay-Z was performing. Jay-Z "did not attack R. Kelly in any way, shape or form," Fleishman said.

In a radio interview on Hot 97 FM radio Friday, Jay-Z said he couldn't understand why Kelly left the stage.

"You can't get a gun inside Madison Square Garden," the rapper said. "If people give me love he can't take it."

Mayer said Kelly's lawyers were filing a criminal complaint against the man who allegedly sprayed him and also were considering legal action over the decision to remove the singer from the remaining tour dates.

Trump breaks own rules in latest firing

NEW YORK (AP)—Donald Trump broke the boardroom rules on NBC's "The Apprentice." The elimination scene during Thursday's episode was briefer than expected when real estate mogul Trump fired project manager Elizabeth Jarosz, 31, without letting her battle it out with other teammates.

"I think he had his producer hat on and thought it would make a good TV moment," Jarosz told the Associated Press Friday. "And I happened to be the fall guy."

In the second season of the business-themed reality show, Trump has allowed the losing project manager to select either two or three teammates for roasting.

"I don't want to waste time," Trump told Jarosz after she revealed she would have brought Raj Bhakta and Chris Russo back into the boardroom. Trump fired her in front of the entire team. And he didn't consult with his "eyes and ears" advisers George Ross and Carolyn Kepcher.

"I think George and Carolyn would've said how amazing I was on previous tasks," said Jarosz. "They had the ability to see me lead very well."

In the episode, both teams were told to create an advertising campaign for New York Police Department recruitment. Jarosz's team was criticized for creating a fearful, non-emotional campaign.

Woman can pursue Schwarzenegger complaint

LONDON (AP)—A television host who says she was groped by California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger four years ago and then libeled by his aides can take legal action in a British court, a judge ruled.

Judge David Eady on Friday rejected a claim by Schwarzenegger aide Sean Walsh that British courts had no jurisdiction in the case. Anna Richardson claims Schwarzenegger, 57, fondled her breast during an interview in London in 2000 and that his staff subsequently damaged her reputation as a professional interviewer by alleging she encouraged the behavior.

Richardson alleges she was libeled by Schwarzenegger, Walsh and Schwarzenegger spokeswoman Sheryl Main in an October 2003 article in The Los Angeles Times, which also appeared on the Internet. Richardson said the article claimed she "deliberately and dishonestly fabricated" her allegations against Schwarzenegger.

Chow Yun-Fat says he's misunderstood

HONG KONG (AP)—Actor Chow Yun-fat says he is misunderstood in Hollywood, where he is cast mostly in action films involving gunplay.

"I'm unlucky. Nobody understands me," the Ming Pao Daily News quoted Yun-fat as telling a group of university students. "But I can wait. I



President Bush, right, is introduced by California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, left, at a campaign rally Friday.

Eady ruled that because the article was published on the Internet and could be read in Britain, it was appropriate to take action in British courts.

The bodybuilder-turned-actor-turned-governor has been accused by more than a dozen women of groping or sexually

harassing them since the 1970s. When allegations emerged during Schwarzenegger's 2003 election campaign, he apologized for having "behaved badly sometimes" toward women and doing some things that "were not right, which I thought were playful."

the Hong Kong director who has also moved on to Hollywood.

Woo directed Chow in the Hong Kong productions "A Better Tomorrow" and "Hard Boiled," which showcased Chow's action-scene prowess. But the actor also starred in romance films such as "An Autumn's Tale," and "Love in a Fallen City."

Army wife struggles to adjust to husband's return from Iraq

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Rick," spent a year in Iraq. He has been home for 3 1/2 months. Before his return, the Army gave out a lot of information for us about what to expect upon his arrival—how he might act, how the kids might react. None of it seems to have helped me.

Rick has had no trouble adjusting to being home. He has experienced no serious side effects from being there. The problem is me.

While Rick was gone, I did everything. I took care of our little boy, ran the house—handled everything. Now that Rick is home, I'm having a hard time relearning how to share MY child and MY house with him. Yes, Abby, I know it's his baby and his house, too.

Rick's deployment was the first time I had ever lived by myself—and I liked it. Now it seems that everything he does is wrong. Things that never used to bother me set me off now. I have gone from being a laid-back, patient person to a ranting, raving she-devil. Rick loads the dishwasher wrong and puts the toilet paper in backward; he drives wrong. Everything he does is wrong, because he does it differently than I do.

What's wrong with me? I know I'm acting like a lunatic. I love my husband very much and don't want to act this way. I want our marriage to be successful and happy. What can I do?

ARMY WIFE IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR ARMY WIFE: There is nothing "wrong" with you. You are not the only wife who has felt this way. What the Army failed to tell you is that there's a period of readjustment not only for the returning soldier, but also for the spouse who was left behind. The solution lies in communicating your feelings before you explode.

The two of you must learn how to communicate effectively again. The secret is compromise. Taking time for just the two of you to be together would also be a giant step in the right direction. Both of you have changed during his deployment. If that doesn't improve the situation, marriage counseling should be your next step.

Keep in mind that you are among the lucky ones. Not everyone has been so fortunate as to have their loved ones return home.

DEAR ABBY: About a year ago, a friend of mine passed away. His funeral was more than 1,000 miles away. Because I didn't have much money, another friend called her best friend from high school and asked him to let me stay with him while I attended the funeral.

As a thank-you for his hospitality, I insisted on cooking for him my last night there. (He survived on frozen pizza!) We ate together, and at the end of the meal, he begged me not to leave yet. He had fallen in love with me, and I with him in the short time there! I changed my travel plans, and now a year later, we're engaged.

When people see that we're engaged, we always get asked, "How did you meet?" I tell them it was through a friend, but some people insist on hearing the whole story. Should we make something up? I can't tell people that I met him because of my friend's funeral!

J.H. IN YONKERS

DEAR J.H.: Why not? It's a wonderful story. Out of sadness came joy; out of death came life. I consider your love story to be an affirmation—and so should you.

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Pastimes

Singh takes control at PGA's Chrysler

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PALM HARBOR, Fla.

(AP)—Vijay Singh made a 30-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole that changed everything Saturday in the Chrysler Championship. A tournament that for most of the day looked as if it was up for grabs now seems headed for a familiar conclusion.

Singh recovered from two early bogeys for a 4-under 67, giving him a one-shot lead over Tommy Armour III and making a half-dozen others play their best golf to have any chance of catching the No. 1 player.

The 41-year-old Fijian has won five times in seven starts, and he has won 10 straight tournaments with at least a share of the 54-hole lead, dating to the MCI Classic three years ago. A victory Sunday on the Copperhead course at Innisbrook would be his ninth of the season and make him the first \$10 million winner in golf.

"I haven't won yet," Singh said.

All he has to do is think back one week, when Ryan Palmer shot 62 in the final round to win at Disney. That might not happen at Innisbrook, one of the strongest tests of golf in Florida.

"It's a difficult golf course to go low," Singh said. "I think I have to play solid golf—2 or 3 under should do it for me, I think."

Singh was at 12-under 201, and never had the lead to himself until his birdie on the 17th.

Armour was lucky to be only one shot back. His approach to the 18th hit the bleachers, bounced off a tree and dropped into the rough near the green. He got up-and-down for par and a 68,

putting him at 11-under 202 and in the final group Sunday with Singh.

Jesper Parnevik and Kirk Triplett each had 68 and were at 10-under 203. Another shot back were Jose Maria Olazabal (67) and Tom Carter (65), who now have a chance to keep their cards for next season.

Jeff Sluman and Jonathan Byrd, the co-leaders through 36 holes, both got off to solid starts until they crumbled on the back nine. Sluman's slide started earlier, a triple bogey on the sixth hole, and he never quite recovered on his way to a 74 that left him five shots behind.

Byrd, who was 9 under on the back nine in the first two rounds, played his final four holes in 4 over for a 75.

Even if Singh runs away Sunday, that won't siphon all the drama out of the final full-field event of the year.

This is the last chance for players to get into the top 30 on the money list to qualify for the Tour Championship, the top 40 to get into the Masters or the top 125 to secure their PGA Tour cards for next year. And the third round proved crucial for so many players.

Olazabal will not go to Q-school no matter what, and he is No. 146 on the money list. But he shot himself into contention at getting into the top 125 - maybe even winning.

Tim Herron shot 67 and was in a tie for seventh, leaving him a chance to sneak into the top 30.

Singh isn't concerned with any of that. The final full tournament of the year is all about money, and the Fijian is poised to wind up with twice as much as anyone.

He started the third round only two shots out of the lead, then three-putted from 20 feet and had to save bogey



from just off the green on the next hole.

"My first goal was to get back to par, and I did that immediately," Singh said.

He made birdie on the next two holes, then slowly worked his way up the leaderboard—a 12-foot birdie on No. 7, a two-putt birdie on the 11th and a phenomenal flop shot from deep rough, over a steep bunker to about 4 feet for a birdie on the par-5 14th.

Sluman has talked about golf being easy some days and difficult the next. Saturday was a little of both.

He came within an inch of an eagle with a deft chip on the opening hole and followed that with an 8-foot birdie to quickly build a two-shot lead. But that vanished when Sluman drove left into the trees, took two shots to get back to the fairway and wound up with a triple bogey.

Then, he bounced back with consecutive birdies, a 15-footer from the fringe on No. 7 and a 25-footer on No. 8, to regain a share of the lead with Byrd and Armour. Parnevik and Singh soon joined them, and it became a mad scramble to finish the third round.

Sluman dropped out with another bogey on No. 10. Parnevik couldn't keep pace. Armour matched Singh shot-for-shot, except for the Fijian's birdie putt on the 17th.

That was the difference in the lead. And with Singh at the top, that could be all the difference in the world.

The gallery at the first hole watches Vijay Singh of Fiji chip to the green during the third round of the Chrysler Championship on Saturday, Oct. 30, 2004, on the Copperhead Course at the Innisbrook Resort in Palm Harbor, Fla.

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Vehicles carrying the the World Series Champion Boston Red Sox move down Tremont Street alongside Boston Common during a parade honoring the Word Sereis Champions in Boston Saturday, Oct. 30, 2004.

Millions cheer as BoSox take victory lap

By JENNIFER PETER
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER



BOSTON

(AP)—Confetti rained down and the "Hallelujah Chorus" resounded through city streets Saturday as grateful fans embraced the World Series champion Boston Red Sox during a jubilant parade that even went afloat on the Charles River.

An estimated 3.2 million people packed the 7-mile parade route on a raw autumn day with spitting rain, standing in dense crowds, hanging from windows and cheering from rooftops.

Some held signs bearing words of thanks, marriage proposals and expressions of wonder at the team's achievement after 86 years of dashed hopes since its last championship in 1918.

"All is forgiven," read one banner. "Now we just have to wait for the other six signs of the apocalypse," said another. And dozens said simply: "Thank you."

"It started raining and it was cold and the people didn't even care," pitcher Derek Lowe said. "They've waited a long time. You'll never see a parade like that with so many people, no matter what sport or what city."

The parade wound from Fenway Park, past Boston Common and City Hall and onto the Charles River, with Red Sox players riding 17 of the amphibious vehicles known since World War II as "ducks."

Businesses along the route rose to the occasion, with one wedding boutique putting a bright red "B" on each dress in its display window. The Loew's Theatres at the Boston Common used huge letters to change its name to Lowe's in honor of the pitcher who won the clinching game in each of the team's three postseason series.

Throughout the parade, music blared from speakers on the lead vehicle, with selections including the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah," and "Dirty Water"—the Boston-themed Standells hit that is played after every victory at Fenway Park.

"I couldn't believe how loud it was," backup catcher Doug Mirabelli said. "It's just something you never get tired of. I just wanted to keep going."

Police said 10 people were arrested, 12 were taken to hospitals for treatment of minor injuries and 30 were treated on the street.

Pitcher Pedro Martinez was hit in the forehead by a baseball thrown from the banks of the Charles. He looked stunned and put his hand to his forehead as the ball floated down the river.

"I have a little headache, but I'm OK," said Martinez, who sat atop his boat, draping himself with the Dominican flag like a cape.

Right fielder Trot Nixon said the World Series victory was for those "who have lived and breathed with Red Sox baseball for years and years." Nix-

on said he heard heartfelt words from fans, like one who said his grandfather had died before seeing his beloved Sox win the big one.

"This is for all the little guys, from Maine to the West Coast," Nixon said. "All the fans are part of our family, the family of the Red Sox."

With people spread out throughout the city, police didn't immediately hazard a guess on the size of the crowd. Organizers had extended the parade route from the streets into the Charles River because of projections that as many as 5 million people would jam into the city.

At an impromptu mini-rally at Fenway before the parade, manager Terry Francona said his team always had what it took to win even if his scruffy players - who dubbed themselves "idiots" - didn't always look serious. During the parade, several players hoisted signs that said "Idiots Rule!"

"They may not wear their hair normal, they may not dress normal," Francona said. "But they play the game as good as you can."

The team's first appearance in a World Series since 1986 came at the expense of the New York Yankees, whom the Red Sox beat in a historic comeback in the AL championship series - making the triumph that much sweeter.

"Every Red Sox fan from now on can walk into Yankee stadium with their head high," Varitek said.

North Carolina stuns No. 4 Miami, 31-28

By KEITH PARSONS
AP SPORTS WRITER

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP)—When it mattered most, when Miami needed one defensive stand to force overtime, the Hurricanes simply couldn't do it. That fact, perhaps as much as a loss that might have taken them out of the national title race, clearly irked coach Larry Coker.

"It's mind boggling," he said. Connor Barth booted a 42-yard field goal on the final play of the game, giving North Carolina a shocking 31-28 upset of the fourth-ranked Hurricanes on Saturday night.

Miami was one of seven unbeaten teams at the start of the day.

"We never even talked about a national championship," Coker said. "What we did talk about is beating North Carolina. That didn't happen."

When Miami called a timeout just before the kick, fans began lining the hedges just outside the sidelines in preparation for the celebration. The ball flew just inside the left upright, and soon the field was covered with people, celebrating North Carolina's first win over a top five opponent. Both goal posts went down.

"It's the best feeling in the world," Barth said. "I've never made a game-winner like that. That was the first one ever, and what a game to do it in."

Darian Durant led the Tar Heels (4-4, 3-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) on a 65-yard drive for the winning points, completing all four passes and getting the final 5 yards on a keeper up the middle. He finished 21-for-29 for 266 yards and two touchdowns, and Chad Scott overcame an injured hip to rush for a career-high 175 yards.

"It just goes to show that anybody can be beaten on any given day, especially in this conference," Durant said.

Miami (6-1, 3-1) trailed by seven points with 5:24 left, but Brock Berlin drove his team 89 yards to tie it. Devin Hester



went in on a sweep from the 11, setting up the final possession for Durant and North Carolina.

Berlin was 20-for-35 for 338 yards and two touchdowns, but the Hurricanes had only 77 yards rushing, the first time all season they've failed to reach 100.

"My hat's off to North Carolina," Coker said. "They out played us overall and deserved to win the football game. We win as a team and lose as a team, and that's the case for us tonight."

Coker's team showed signs of faltering in recent weeks, despite winning its first six games for the fourth straight season. In the previous two games, the Hurricanes allowed a total of 947 yards in victories over Louisville and North Carolina State, and the Tar Heels also took advantage.

They took the opening kick-

off and drove 57 yards in only four plays to take a 7-0 lead on Durant's 35-yard scoring toss to Mike Mason. In the first half alone, North Carolina had 351 yards of total offense.

"There's no rhyme or reason," Miami cornerback Antrel Rolle said. "It's just a gut check. They wanted it more than we did. There's nothing really technical to it."

Scott consistently found openings in the defense, and about the only thing that slowed him down was a hip pointer he suffered late in the third quarter. He walked gingerly to the locker room, but jogged back to the sideline about 15 minutes later to a loud cheer from the soldout crowd.

On the first carry of his return, he ran 5 yards on second-and-4, then capped off that drive by bullying 9 yards into

the end zone to make it 28-21 early in the fourth.

"I can't say enough about Chad Scott," North Carolina coach John Bunting said. "And what can you say about the offensive line and what they did?"

Berlin, who had 11 touchdown passes in the past three games, started fast again, going 7-for-9 for 131 yards and two TDs in the first quarter. But the Hurricanes abandoned the passing game and tried to establish the run, a tactic that didn't work. Tyrone Moss led the ground game with 30 yards on eight carries, and leading rusher Frank Gore had only 27.

"It was a very gratifying win and it was nice to see they did not get 100 yards rushing," Bunting said. "When is the last time that happened, 100 years ago or so?"

Miller out 6 to 8 weeks with broken hand

By JON KRAWCZYNSKI
AP SPORTS WRITER

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Reggie Miller's broken left hand is worse than initial examinations revealed, and the Indiana Pacers star is now expected to miss six to eight weeks.

Miller injured his non-shooting hand in Indiana's preseason finale against Denver on Friday night. Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said after the game that Miller would miss four to six weeks. Miller was re-examined

Saturday, the latest in a long line of bad news for the Pacers this preseason.

Indiana is already without Jermaine O'Neal (strained ligament in left foot), Jeff Foster (hip), Anthony Johnson (broken hand), David Harrison (shoulder) and Jonathan Bender (knee).

O'Neal said Saturday that team doctors have told him he could miss three to four weeks to let his foot heal.

"I don't plan to be out three to four weeks," O'Neal said. "That's just what the doctor says."

The Pacers will need their best player back as soon as possible. Indiana can probably get

by with Stephen Jackson filling in for Miller and Scot Pollard for Foster at center, but as Austin Croshere said, "We don't have anyone else on our team that does all the things Jermaine can do."

"We'll just have to tread water until all these guys get back," he said.

Miller's injury is particularly upsetting to the 39-year-old, who has strongly hinted that this will be the last season of his brilliant career.

Miller refused comment after practice on Saturday.

"You know Reggie's frustrated," O'Neal said. "It's a

helpless feeling being on the sideline knowing you can't do anything. That's something he doesn't want to happen because he's such a leader on this team and he leads by example."

Carlisle kept some of his reserve players, including Bender and guards Eddie Gill and Fred Jones, after practice longer to get them ready to play big minutes in the season-opener on Wednesday at Cleveland.

"Rather than worry about the guys we don't have right now, we have to try to play the strengths of the guys we do have available and figure out a way to win games," Carlisle said.

North Carolina's Scott Brumett (87) runs past Miami players Greg Threat (5) and Tavares Gooden (52) for a 18-yard touchdown in the second quarter in Chapel Hill, N.C., Saturday Oct. 30, 2004.

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SPORTS TRANSACTIONS			
NBA			
MILWAUKEE BUCKS-Waived C Lonnie Jones.			
NEW JERSEY NETS-Signed C Jason Collins to a multiyear contract extension.			
WASHINGTON WIZARDS-Exercised their option on the contract of F Jared Jeffries for the 2005-06 season. Declined the option on the contract of G Juan Dixon for the 2005-06 season. Waived G Gerald Fitch and G Billy Thomas.			
NFL			
DALLAS COWBOYS-Placed WR Terry Glenn on injured reserve. Signed WR Patrick Crayton and WR Terrance Copper from the practice squad. Released DT Chad Eaton.			
College			
ROBERT MORRIS-Signed Mark Schmidt, men's basketball coach, to a three-year contract extension, through the 2008-09 season.			
By The Associated Press			

North Stars smash Kautz Glass in dramatic fashion

By **BRAD E. RUSZALA**
REPORTER



With the score knotted up at three runs apiece, Johnson Jones hit a sacrifice fly to centerfield to drive in Johnny Jones from third base to win the game as the North Stars knocked off the Glazers 4-3 in continuation of the fall edition of the Saipan Major League Saturday at the Francisco M. Palacios Baseball Field.

Johnson Jones was walked to lead off the ninth inning, stole second, and advanced to third courtesy of a wild pitch to set up the finish. Neither of the Joneses recorded a hit on any of the Glazers' pitchers, but the timing was just right for the walk off sac fly.

The Glazers got the scoring started in the second inning when Dirk Mag-Atas brought Gregory Camacho home with a double. Mag-Atas later advanced to third base and crossed the plate courtesy of North Stars throwing errors.

Tyrone Omar smacked a triple to lead off the fifth inning for the Glazers, and they tacked on another run when Anthony Palacios hit a sac fly to right field. With a 3-0 head start on the North Stars and a solid per-

formance from pitchers Tony Palacios and Darson Camacho, the Kautz Glass squad was in a pretty good position.

Things began to unravel for the Glazers in the sixth inning, as Stars' Clifton Sillil and Robert Bansil made it all the way to home. While Camacho would get out of the inning without allowing any further damage, he was relieved in favor of Gregory Camacho to start the seventh.

The pitching change didn't phase the Stars, as they tied the game in the seventh when Jesse Jones courtesy of another Glazer throwing error. Neither team scored in the eighth inning, and Shane Mendiola was able to retire the Glazers 1-2-3 in the top of the ninth before the Joneses performed their late game heroics.

The smacks and cracks of the wooden bats returns to Francisco M. Palacios field this Saturday and Sunday, as the Hustlers face the Pirates at 10am. The action continues at 2pm, when the Glazers and the North Stars meet in a rematch on Saturday, Nov. 6.

Baseball fans will be pleased to know that the make up games from the Oct. 16 rain-out between the Hustlers and Stars will be played this Sunday, Nov. 7 at 10am, followed by the Glazers and Pirates at 2pm.



MARK RABAGO

Champions and runners-up of the 2004 Shell Telesource Open join Shell Marianas area retail manager Jeff Boyer and Telesource CNMI comptroller Raul Purification for a snapshot at centercourt during the tournament's awards banquet held Saturday at the American Memorial Park.

FILATA honors tourney winners

By **MARK RABAGO**
REPORTER



After torrential rains, browns outs, and a sputtering of not so friendly confrontations on the tennis courts, the Filipino-American Tennis Association finally held its 2004 Shell-Telesource Open awards banquet Saturday night at the American Memorial Park.

FILATA president Eli Buenaventura kicked off the program by thanking main sponsors Shell Marianas and Telesource CNMI for bankrolling the tournament.

"I would like to extend my sincerest appreciation to Shell and Telesource for making the past three weeks possible," he said.

The general manager of Calvo's Insurance also announced that the 2004 Shell Telesource Open would be FILATA's second and last tournament of the year.

He said the AMP will be renovating the facility and, ac-

cording to Park Ranger Chuck Sayon, all four tennis courts will be refurbished and two new ones constructed during the next few months.

Shell retail area manager Jeff Boyer and Telesource comptroller Raul Purification also took their turn on the microphone. Boyer said that as always Shell is proud to have been a part of the tennis tournament and would continue to support FILATA in the future.

Purification, for his part, congratulated all the winners, and in jest told the losers, "to practice more." He also said that a measure of a sportsman—or an individual for that matter—is not "whether you win or lose, but rather it's how you play the game."

Boyer and Purification would later both receive plaques of appreciation from FILATA thanking them for sponsoring this year's edition of the Shell-Telesource Open.

The two also gave Buenaventura a hand in giving away championship and runner-up trophies

for the tournament's 11 first place and 11 second place finishers.

Father Ryan Jimenez and Jun Villanueva turned out to be the most "bemedaled" players of the tournament with three trophies each.

Jimenez won a championship in the men's 3.0 doubles with Michael Robert and then lost to Robert in the finals of the men's 3.0 singles. He also collected a runner-up trophy in mixed doubles 4.0 while partnering with Sally Cadac.

Villanueva, for his part, won first place in three categories: men's open doubles with Lito Cabrera, men's 4.5 with Ji Hoon Heo, and mixed open doubles with Young Son.

Letty Jones was the top winner for the women taking home two trophies. Jones teamed up with Son to win the championship of the women's open. She also bagged second place in mixed open doubles after pairing with Buenaventura.

Robert, Buenaventura, and Buenaventura's son Ralph also won two trophies each. Robert

finished first in both the men's doubles and men's singles 3.0, the elder Buenaventura had two runner-up finishes (mixed open doubles and men's open doubles), while Ralph took the championship of the men's 4.5 and partnered with dad for the aforementioned runner-up finish in the men's open doubles.

Other winners of the 2004 Shell-Telesource Open were Dr. Gary Ramsey and Dr. Richard Brostrom (men's 3.0 doubles runners-up), Hector Gutierrez and Buboy Sergio (men's 4.0 doubles champions), Dodong Espanola and Eric Mahinay (men's 4.0 doubles runners-up), Dino Jones and Roy Pangelinan (men's 4.5 doubles runners-up), Kazumi Imai and Yuko Kobayashi (women's open doubles runners-up), Merle Hudkins and Buddy Garote (mixed 4.0 doubles champions), Craig Buboltz (men's singles 4.0 champion), Nanding Cajigan (men's singles 4.5 runner-up), Jeff Race (men's open singles champion), and Daniel Son (men's open singles runner-up).

SPORTS BRIEFS

PIC Thanksgiving Softball Tournament set

The 11th Annual PIC Thanksgiving Softball Tournament is returning to the Oleai Sports Complex on Thursday, Nov. 18, through Sunday, Nov. 21.

The games of the slow-pitch double-elimination tournament will be held during the evening Thursday and Friday and then moves to morning games Saturday and Sunday.

The entry fee for the four-day tournament is \$150 per team, with full payment and the list of all players (20 players max) to be submitted no later than Nov. 15.

To register for the tournament, pick up a roster and waiver form at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. For more information, contact Newman Techur at 234-0173 or Jon Cramer at 235-6231 ext. 5148.

\$1K Top Pool bar tourney this December

The Top Pool Bar \$1,000 Open 9-Ball Tournament will be held on the weekend of Dec. 18 and 19 from 7pm to 2am.

The contest will have a 32-man field and will be a single elimination, race to seven wins series. Only eight players will remain after the first day with the final players contesting the Top 3 money places the following day.

Entry fee for the billiard event is \$30 per person and pairings will be done through a draw, which date will be announced at a later time.

For more information on the Top Pool Bar \$1,000 Open 9-Ball Tournament, please call 233-6999 and look for Zheng Jian Qing or Velma Fleming. Zheng can also be reached on his mobile phone 287-7676.

Mobil caging sets Jan. 11 start

The 2005 Mobil Oil Marianas Invitational Co-ed Basketball League will kick off tentatively on Jan. 11, 5pm at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Mobil co-ed basketball league is comprised of 2004 champion Aqua Resort Club, Pacific Development, Inc., Microl-Toyota, Tan Holdings Corp., Dai-Ichi Hotel Saipan Beach, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Commonwealth Utilities Corp, Pacific Island Aviation, Commonwealth Ports Authority, and host Mobil Oil Marianas.

For more information on the 2005 Mobil Oil Marianas Invitational Co-ed Basketball League, please call Abner Venus at 287-5911 or Jojo Dadvivas at 483-3363.

CHIEFS

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pair of scoring drives and completed two passes for 45 yards with a touchdown and an interception. Moors came onto the field in the second quarter with a 12-point lead, and completed an 8-yard pass to Charleston Aiken for a touchdown to put the Chiefs up 18-0.

After the half, Plasio Tagabuel got the Barbarians going in the right direction with a 47-yard pass to Alison Kaipat for 6-points. That was as close as the black and gold would come to the Chiefs, as Moors handed Iakopo the ball in the fourth quarter for a 40-yard touchdown run.

The offense came through, but the Chiefs defense sealed the deal for the red and yellow. The last time out, the Shell defense allowed Miller quarterback Tagabuel three completions in 12 attempts for 40 yards in the air, but this time out Tagabuel

was able to get a little more accomplished.

Tagabuel had four completions for 86 yards in 13 attempts, but he was smothered for a loss when he tried to scramble. Tagabuel ran five times for -33 yards, and a combination of Chong Won, Mel Tagabuel, John Wabol, Syl Teregeyo, Shayne Villanueva, and Chris Guerrero accounted for -49 yards.

Juan Kapileo led the Chiefs with three tackles, five assists and a pair of sacks, followed by Paul Camacho with four tackles, two assists and a sack. Dava Ada also got to the QB for a sack to go along with his two solo tackles and four assists, and the team of Fasefulu Tigilau and James Blas combined for one as well. The Shell defense accounted for five sacks, and permitted the Barbarians 37 yards of total offense.

Jered Lutu picked off a pair of passes to raise his total to four on the year, while Jerome

Ierome picked off his first of the season.

The Chiefs defense held the Barbarians running game to negative yardage for the second time this season. In the three games that these teams have taken the field together, the Chiefs defense has allowed 148 yards in the air, gained half of the yards back by holding them to -70 on the ground, and surrendered just 14 points.

On the offensive side, the Chiefs running game came to the rescue of the dilapidated passing corps. The three-headed monster of Stanley Iakopo, Jeff Boyer and Paul Guerrero combined for 147 yards.

Iakopo enjoyed his best game of the season, as he scored a pair of long touchdowns, led all rushers with 103 yards on nine carries for the Chiefs. Iakopo's touchdowns came from 36 and 40 yards out, while teammate Boyer scored on a toss from Punimata and churned out 30 yards the hard way on nine car-

ries, and Guerrero picked up 38 yards on nine carries.

Moors contributed through the air in other ways as well with five kick-offs for 221 yards, including a 63-yard boot.

The Barbarians were able to rebound against the Verizon Nitro in the week five of the season following the loss, and Plas and the boys will have to repeat that performance if they hope to finish the regular season on a high note.

With the win, the Chiefs improved their record to 5-0 in their inaugural season, while the Miller Barbarians dropped to 2-3. After disconnecting the Verizon Nitro 22-12 in their last outing, the Barbarians will be looking toward evening their record at 3-3 as they head into the playoffs.

The rock 'em sock 'em action of the CFL returns to the airport gridiron this Saturday, Nov. 6, when the Miller Barbarians try to bounce back against the Verizon Nitro at 10am.

FILATA honors tourney winners



After torrential rains, browns outs, and a sputtering of not so friendly confrontations on the tennis courts, the Filipino-American Tennis Association finally held its 2004 Shell-Telesource Open awards banquet Saturday night at the American Memorial Park.

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Singh takes control at PGA's Chrysler

Vijay Singh made a 30-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole that changed everything Saturday in the Chrysler Championship.



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Tinian ping-pong players in the lead



MARK RABAGO

Tinian's No. 1 player Chang Zhan Xue in action against Steven Lim in the 2004 Marianas Friendship Table Tennis Tournament yesterday at the Northern Marianas College Gymnasium.

By MARK RABAGO
REPORTER

Tinian reasserted its dominance over Saipan, winning the first 17 of 25 head-to-head matches Saturday in the opening day of the 2004 Marianas Friendship Table Tennis Tournament at the Northern Marianas College Gymnasium.

Tinian, represented by crack ping-pong practitioners from the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino, took the first six matches of the two-day event before Saipan's Su Yong Dong snapped the visitors' winning skein.

The hosts, represented by players from the Marianas Am-

ateur Table Tennis Association, would win just seven more race-to-three games matches through the course of the day, which ended well past 5pm. Games resumed yesterday morning but results were not available as of press time.

Charlie Chang and Luke Lu led Tinian during the first day with four victories against



no losses. Chang defeated Su, Chen Lin Ying, and Peter De Leon in three sets before getting into trouble somewhat against Budhi Gurung, which he beat in four sets.

For his part, Lu won against Gurung in three tightly contested sets and dismissed the trio of De

Leon, Steven Lim, and Mario Espeleta in three straight sets.

Tinian's No. 1 player Chang Zhan Xue was only second in the win chart after the first day of competition but nonetheless also sported an immaculate 3-0 slate.

His victims include Su, Chen, and Liu Wei. All three were no match against Chang as they even didn't reach double figures in all three sets much less win a game against the two-hold specialist.

Making up the rest of the Tinian team, with their records after the first day in parenthesis, are Robin Lu (2-1), Liang We Bin (1-1); and Alfred Yu

(1-2), and Liu Fu Liang (1-4).

With two wins in five matches, Gurung on top of the win column for Saipan. The host team's No. 1 player won against Yu and Liang in three sets. Su equaled Gurung's victories with two, while Liu and Mario Espeleta also got a win each. De Leon and Chen have yet to ring the bell for Saipan.

The 2004 Marianas Friendship Table Tennis Tournament got off to a rough start when Guam cancelled at the last minute, according to Lim, who is MATTAs president.

Lim said that spoiled preparations for the whole tournament, which called for MATTAs to rent the NMC Gym as well as set up two international-standard table tennis arenas at the site.

Flush It! continues unbeaten streak

By BRAD E. RUSZALA
REPORTER



The hits just keep coming for the undefeated Flush It! squad as they

sent the Bill Bratzski's swirling around the bowl to improve their record to 6-0 atop the standings in the 6th Annual Miller 4-Person Beach Volleyball League.

Only Flush It! and Bend It Like Megan have managed to escape unscathed on the beach volleyball court at the Pacific Islands Club, and they have done so by winning the games that they are supposed to. A good Flush It! takes care of any teams floating around, and that's just what they did to the Bill Bratzski's on Thursday night.

While the spirit of Halloween was in the air, Flush It! fittingly sent the Bratzski's home with a broom, sweeping the old so-and-sos 11-3, 11-4, and 11-5.

The Bill Bratzski's will have some time to wallow in their sorrow, as they next see action on Thursday, Nov. 11, while Flush It! returns tomorrow night tonight to take on the MHS Dolphins at 6pm.

Those same Dolphins got the night started with a match against the anti-good Machigainai!. Having recorded 246 points, the Dolphins lead the league in scoring, while the winless wonders have a strangle

hold on the lead for most points allowed with 225. This game had ugly written all over it.

The Dolphins took the first set with ease, 11-5. They could have won the second set with three players, but they used four

while the 6-2 Dolphins are back in action in the 6pm match with undefeated Flush It!

In the 7pm game, the Sleepy Lambleezies also continued their wining ways, as they gave Team Papalatung the straight

The TPs return to the sand on Tuesday, Nov. 9, to face the Dolphins at 6pm, while Lambleezies are at it again this Thursday, Nov. 4, in the late game at 9pm when they look to de-shell the Clam Smackers.

The lowest scoring team in the league had a chance to catch the Clam Smackers in the standings, but Esemuel failed to win for the fifth time in five attempts. Since being kicked to the curb by the Clams, they have been taken to the O-ferville hospital, where doctors expect them to make a complete recovery.

The Clams were smacking from the start, as they opened up the first set with an 11-1 whooping. The second set wasn't much better for Esemuel, as they took another one on the chin, 11-6. Esemuel went Apu-style in the third set and dropped a purple 7-11 squishy to the Clams.

The Clams improved to 2-4, and they look to make it 3-4 after they meet with Machigainai! tomorrow at 8pm, while Esemuel tries not to sink to 0-6 when it faces the Dragon Flares tomorrow at 7pm.

All the side-outs you can handle will be doled out again tomorrow night at the PIC. If you would like further information about the 6th Annual Miller 4-Person Beach Volleyball League, contact Jon, Evan, Dennis, or Nan by calling the SEA office at 235-6231 ext. 5147.



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A pod of Dolphins from Marianas High School take a break from whooping on Machigainai! to pose with player coach Tyce Mister upon the sand court at the Pacific Islands Club.

Chiefs get banged up in win over Barbarians

By BRAD E. RUSZALA
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The Shell Chiefs extended their unbeaten streak to five games with their 26-6 win over the Miller Barbarians on Saturday, but the victory came at a price, as quarterback Danny Punimata suffered a season-ending injury in the second quarter.

This is the second time in two weeks that the Chiefs'

starting quarterback has taken a serious blow. Last week it was Clasley Ngeskebei who was sidelined for the season when he broke his clavicle, and on Saturday it was Punimata's turn with a broken ankle.

Losing two QBs would be a serious problem for most football teams, but the Chiefs had wide receiver Bryant Moors come in to throw, and a stable of studs to run the ball to overcome the losses.

Before getting injured, Punimata led the Chiefs on a

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